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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MINAKO KATO, ET AL. ) : Examiner: L. Nguyen  
Appln. No.: 10/653,207 ) : Group Art Unit: 2861  
Filed: September 3, 2003 ) : Allowed: March 14, 2006  
For: INK-JET PRINTING METHOD, ) : Confirmation No: 2568  
PRINTING SYSTEM, INK-JET )  
PRINTING APPARATUS, PRINT )  
DATA GENERATING METHOD, ) : April 13, 2006  
PROGRAM AND PRINTER DRIVER )

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed March 14, 2006, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims addressed in the Statement. For example, Claims 6, 9, 12 and 13 are not directed to a printing method and several of those claims do not recite any steps. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

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